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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2009, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

- 1) The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Andersen in view of Morita and in further view of Komatsu. Applicants respectfully urge that this ground of rejection should be withdrawn.

The present invention provides a catalyst for purifying an automotive exhaust gas comprising catalytic metal particles supported on a porous carrier, wherein the catalytic metal particles consist essentially of an alloy of two precious metals selected from platinum, palladium, and rhodium, wherein the porous carrier consists essentially of ceria-zirconia having a ceria content of from 15 wt% to 48.2 wt%, wherein the porous carrier has a specific surface area of 10 to 250 m²/g for 1 wt% of an amount of catalytic